

Amendments To The Claims:

Claims 1-22. (Cancelled)

Claim 23. (Previously Presented): A method for handling data of a proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, comprising the steps of:

providing the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, in a production process, with at least one transponder for contactlessly storing data using a writing device and from which data can be contactlessly read using a reading device, the proportioning device being of a portable or stationary design and selected from the group consisting of manually operated pipettes, motor-operated pipettes, manually operated dispensers, and motor-operated dispensers, the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids,

storing production-related data about the proportioning device, in the production process, into the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device, storing application-related data about the proportioning device in the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device or during maintenance or repair of the proportioning device, fully or partially reading out the stored production related data and the application related data using the reading device,

wherein the application-related specific data stored into the transponder is fully or partially variable, and

further wherein maintenance and/or repair data is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 24. (Currently Amended): A method for handling data of a proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, comprising the steps of:

providing the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, in a production process, with at least one transponder for contactlessly storing data using a writing device and from which data can be contactlessly read using a reading device, the proportioning device being of a portable or stationary design and selected from the group consisting of manually operated pipettes, motor-operated pipettes, manually operated dispensers, and motor-operated dispensers, the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids,

storing production-related data about the proportioning device, in the production process, into the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device, storing application-related data about the proportioning device in the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device or during maintenance or repair of the proportioning device, fully or partially reading out the stored production related data and the application related data using the reading device,

wherein the application-related specific data stored into the transponder is fully or partially variable, and

further wherein [[the]] a date of next calibration is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 25-26 (Cancelled):

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 23 [[1]] wherein calibration data is stored into the transponder as either production-related specific data or application-related specific data, wherein the calibration data comprises [[the]] a date of [[the]] next calibration, the date of next calibration being application-related specific data.

Claim 28 (Cancelled):

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 23 wherein the repair data describes a defect.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 23 wherein the repair data describes a component which has been changed.

Claim 31-33. (Cancelled)

Claim 34. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 23 wherein the proportioning device is provided with a passive transponder.

Claim 35. (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 23 wherein at a beginning stage of assembling the proportioning device, a product component is provided with the transponder.

Claim 36. (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 23 wherein the transponder is encapsulated in the proportioning device.

Claim 37. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 24 wherein the proportioning device is provided with a passive transponder.

Claim 38. (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 24 wherein at a beginning stage of assembling the proportioning device, a product component is provided with the transponder.

Claim 39. (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 24 wherein the transponder is encapsulated in the proportioning device.